

**Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Division of Disease Prevention (DDP)
TB Drug Assistance Program**

Procedures for General Drug Assistance

1. Clients with both confirmed and suspect cases of tuberculosis (TB) are eligible to participate in the program.
2. All patients enrolled in the TB drug program must participate in directly observed therapy (DOT) and be case managed by the LHD, regardless of the source of medical care.
3. The LHD completes the VDH financial eligibility process and makes a determination that the patient qualifies for assistance. No further prior approval is required for participation in the program.
4. LHD case managers maintain documentation that demonstrates patient eligibility for the TB Drug Assistance Program (i.e. VDH financial eligibility and culture reports, x-ray reports or other documentation supporting the diagnosis of suspected or confirmed active tuberculosis).
5. Agency transfer vouchers (ATVs) or invoices from independent districts for reimbursement are submitted to DDP-tb monthly along with Webvision printouts for each individual patient detailing the drugs provided and the charges.
6. Requests for assistance with patient co-pays for those with private insurance will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Requests may be made to Dr. Peg Tipple, Ms. Jane Moore, or Ms. Brenda Mayes at 804-864-7906 (phone) or 804-371-0248 (fax).